

A few weeks ago Mr. Dixon happened to see Willie Stevens' picture in the paper. He immediately recognized the stranger who had come to his door. In order to verify his own identification he left the paper on the library table. Mrs. Dixon came in a little while later and immediately was attracted to Willie's picture, stating to her husband that looked like the man who came to their door on September 14, 1922, to which he agreed. Mrs. Dixon told her sister, Lizzie, who lives in Brooklyn, about this. Lizzie apparently told it to some other resident in Brooklyn, who in turn communicated with Simpson. Simpson interviewed both Mr. and Mrs. Dixon at their home and obtained an affidavit from them. A few weeks ago, probably during the time before the hearing before Judge Cleary, Mrs. Dixon, out of curiosity, went to court and identified Willie Stevens to her own satisfaction. After the adjournment of court she talked with Simpson, <sup>and said</sup> "that the man who half-backed out of the door on his way to jail in the custody of the warden was the man who called at her home in 1922." Simpson said that was Willie Stevens and that she was quite right in her identification.

My informant states that both Mr. and Mrs. Dixon are thoroughly honest people and have no reason to either exaggerate or falsify the details of the incident. She believes they are telling the truth. So far as she knows their first identification of Willie as the stranger took place just a few weeks ago through the medium of the newspaper picture of Willie. I assured her that I would not disclose the source of my information. She seems to believe that the Dixons would be willing to tell the truth in the matter to any representative of the defense. Mrs. Dixon can be seen at any time at North Plainfield, N.J., except Thursday, October 7th, when she expects to have her son, who was operated upon recently, removed from the hospital to her home.

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